

REMARKS

This present amendment seeks only to achieve allowance of those claims which have been allowed in the earlier application Serial No. 08/972,477, and does not seek to prosecute any of the rejected claims any further. Inasmuch as all previously rejected claims have been canceled, it is believed that the application is now in a condition to pass to allowance. Early action to that end is respectfully solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

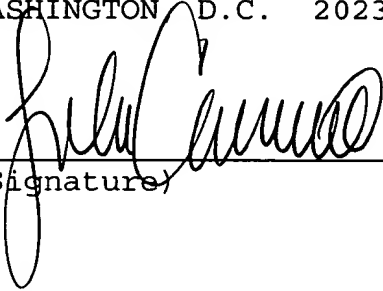


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